

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

SPECIAL SERVICE CONTRACT ARRANGEMENT)	CASE NO.
BETWEEN SOUTH CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE)	89-353
COMPANY AND ALLIANT HEALTH SYSTEM)	

O R D E R

This matter arising upon petition of South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central Bell") filed October 31, 1989 pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, for confidential protection of certain cost support data on the grounds that disclosure is likely to result in competitive injury, and it appearing to this Commission as follows:

South Central Bell has entered into a Special Service Arrangement Contract with Alliant Health System for a fiber optic facility. In connection with that contract, South Central Bell has submitted cost support data relating to the fiber optic facility and the cost backup for the monthly rate and non-recurring charge. Disclosure of the cost data could give competitors information which would allow them to more readily compete with South Central Bell's services by knowing South Central Bell's capital and operating costs, as well as contribution for the service.

The information, which South Central Bell has requested be protected from disclosure, is not known outside of South Central

Bell, is not disseminated within South Central Bell except to those employees who have a legitimate business to know and act upon the information, and its confidentiality is preserved and protected through all appropriate means, including the maintenance of appropriate security at South Central Bell offices.

807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, protects information as confidential when it is established that disclosure will result in competitive injury to the party from whom the information was obtained. To satisfy this requirement the party claiming confidentiality must demonstrate actual competition and the likelihood of competitive injury if the information is publicly disclosed. Since disclosure of this information would provide competitors of South Central Bell with an unfair advantage, it should be treated as confidential.

This Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS ORDERED that:

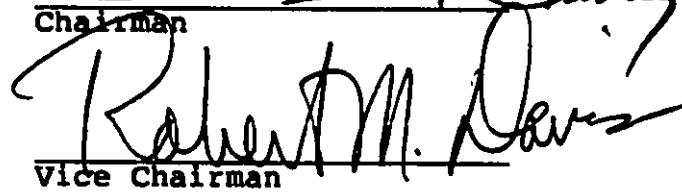
1. The cost support data developed in connection with the Special Service Arrangement Contract with Alliant Health System, which South Central Bell has petitioned be withheld from public disclosure, shall be held and retained by this Commission as confidential and shall not be open for public inspection.

2. This matter being finally resolved, this action is hereby closed.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of December, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director